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Serial No.: (Continuation of 09/361,425) Art Unit: 1683

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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR STABILIZING OXYGEN-LABILE SPECIES

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in conjunction with the filing of the above-captioned patent application, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/361,425, filed July 27, 1999. Kindly amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, line 1, kindly add the following:

--This patent application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No 09/361,425, filed July 27, 1999 and hereby incorporates the subject matter of said application herein.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 7 and 15 without prejudice.

Kindly add the following claims:

17. A composition comprising therapeutically effective amounts of at least one oil-soluble and at least one water-soluble oxygen-labile species, said oil-soluble species being selected from the group consisting of: retinoids, choleciferol, vitamin K, tocotrienol, fatty acids, tocopherol and derivatives thereof ; said water-soluble species being selected from the group consisting of: ascorbic acid and its derivatives, niacin, thiamine, riboflavin, folic acid, pyrodoxine, pantothenic acid, niacinamide, lipoic acid, dihydrolipoic acid, amino acids and their derivatives; and one or more

stabilizer compounds selected from the group consisting of thio-containing compounds.

18. A composition according to claim 17 wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid, a tocopherol and an ascorbic acid.
19. A composition according to claim 17 wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid and an ascorbic acid.
20. A composition according to claim 17 wherein said composition further comprises a humectant, an antioxidant, a preservative, a fragrance, a surface active agent, a binder and a skin protectant agent.
21. A composition according to claim 17 comprising from about 0.01 to about 10% by weight of the composition of a retinoid, from about 0.01 to about 10% by weight of a tocopherol and from about 0.01 to about 20% by weight of an ascorbic acid and from about 0.001 to about 5% of a thio-containing compound.
22. A composition according to claim 17 comprising from about 0.01 to about 5% by weight of the composition of ascorbic acid and from about 0.001 to about 0.1% by weight of a thio-containing compound.
23. A composition according to claim 17 comprising from about 0.01 to about 5% by weight of the composition of ascorbic acid, from about 0.01 to about 1% of tocopherol and from about 0.01 to about 0.4% of retinol and from about 0.01 to about 0.1% of a thio-containing compound.

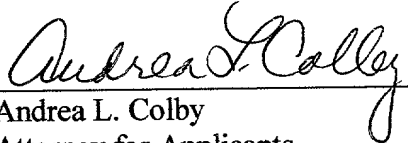
#### **REMARKS**

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in conjunction with the filing of the above-captioned patent application, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/361,425, filed July 27, 1999.

The claims have been amended to cancel claims 7 and 15 without prejudice, as they are pending in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/361,425. New claims 17-23 have been submitted. These claims find basis in the Specification in original claim 1 and at page 6, l. 18-24, page 3, l. 5-11, page 4, l. 23 through page 5, l. 12, page 7, l. 10-13, page 3, l. 27 through page 34, l. 2 and page 3, l. 7-11.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the claims. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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